

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In the early spring of 1882, an expedition of Hollanders led by Frank Le Cocq, Jr., Leendert Van der Meer and Dirk Van den Bos pioneered their way north from Sioux City, Iowa in search of a new life in the Dakota Territory; and,

WHEREAS, These true frontiersmen, seeking permanent homes and prosperity in a new land, were impressed by the natural beauty and fertility of what is now western Douglas County; so they settled the area and made Harrison the center of their Dutch settlement; and,

WHEREAS, This new town was named for Benjamin Harrison, the United States Senator and later president who first introduced the bill proposing a division of the Dakota Territory with the southern half being admitted to the Union as South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, L. Van Der Meer opened the first general store, Peter Eenisse was the first postmaster, H. Vis was the first druggist, L. Markus opened the first blacksmith shop and Miss Sophia Le Cocq was Harrison's first teacher; and,

WHEREAS, In 1884, the Dutch Reformed Church was founded and shortly after this the Christian Reformed people built a church of their own; and,

WHEREAS, One-Hundred Years have passed since the historic trek that put Harrison on the map, and this summer the descendants of those original pioneers are celebrating the spirit of hope and dedication that a century ago put the town of Harrison, South Dakota on the map:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 5, 1982, as

HARRISON CENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE APPEARING ON THIS SLIDE OF MICROFILM IS AN ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILED LAW 1-27-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 25 ROLL NO. 3 DATE MICROFILMED 2-7-84 CAMERA OPERATOR *[Signature]*